

## FRENCH PREMIER CHIDES MINISTERS

Combes Publicly Rebukes General Andre and Camille Pelletan for Talking Too Much.

### THEY SWALLOWED THEIR PRIDE

Undiplomatic Utterances Which Threatened International Complications Made During "Warmth of Banquets."

BY J. CORNELIUS.  
SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. Paris, Sept. 27.—(Copyright, 1902.)—He, who familiarly in the ministerial lobbies, is called "Le Petit Pere Combes," was Neptune last Sunday—the Neptune of Virgil, so well known to schoolboys and even to literateurs by the famous "Tuus Ego—Sed Motus Prostat Compositus Fluctibus." He made the inferior gods get back into their proper places and silence, these inferior gods being General Andre and Camille Pelletan, who had spoken too freely at banquets.

The episode is a pretty piece from contemporary pharisaism. General Andre had alluded to a possible "revenge" while M. Pelletan had referred to Corsica as an advanced guard against Italy, and, furthermore, had spoken of "Old German barbarism."

Note that General Andre has not the least desire to go to war and that M. Camille Pelletan is a friend of Italy—a friend of Italy, who defended Italy when alleged French patriots were attacking it and holding up to opprobrium its ingratitude.

Nevertheless the two Ministers had been misguided and imprudent, for it is very easy of a Sunday to amuse one's self among one's own folk without going and annoying one's neighbors.

Consequently, it was quite comprehensible that the foreign press was not well pleased. The Germans protested, the Italians got angry, and for the British more cunning—they put their finger on the sore by refusing to take the two speakers seriously.

But what was more astonishing was that our nationalist press joined in the foreign chorus. This was astonishing for the Minister of War had talked like Boulanger and the Minister of Marine had borrowed from the Nationalist papers precisely their favorite metaphors, so that the two unfortunate men were "ragged" by the nationalists for having talked like nationalists.

COMBES LECTURED THEM.  
It was one lesson. The President of the Council undertook the task of giving them a second, and took advantage of a banquet Sunday to declare with some solemnity that Ministers, speaking separately, were not qualified to lay down the general policy of the Cabinet, whose intentions the Premier alone was competent to announce.

Mr. Combes surrounded this declaration with different extenuating phrases, saying, for instance, that the words of his colleagues had been misinterpreted and invoking as an explanation of their independent oratory the communicative warmth of banquets.

The foreign press declared that it was satisfied. The French papers were less easily calmed, because their indignation was less sincere.

As for the two Ministers called to order, they said nothing. One of them, indeed, added his voice to his President's in reiteration and explanation. This was the Minister of Marine.

Still, there have been known times and Cabinets where a similar incident would have precipitated a ministerial crisis, and statesmen who would not have tolerated being disavowed and blamed so publicly.

But, in reality, all this has no great importance, because everybody is feeling a comedy, because nobody, or scarcely anybody, is sincere.

EDUCATIONAL QUESTION.  
The educational question has been lifted out of an acute and nauseating crisis into a plane of academic intelligence and peaceful discussion. It is no longer in the hands of yokels who handle filth; but in the hands of professors and lecturers who chisel the arguments.

The great controversy is over the question determining whether the fact of having been affiliated with a religious order, officially recognized or not, bars one as a teacher. The Liberals say no; the Radicals say yes.

I confess I don't understand why the state is not satisfied to require all professors to take out a uniform diploma of which the state should have the sole distribution and a control which everybody admits its right to exercise. Otherwise we enter upon an unfortunate phase where the rights of the father of the family and those of the state would come into conflict without benefit to anybody, and without its being possible to foresee an issue to a struggle which permits of none.

But, anyhow, I prefer the lectures of M. Picot, the letters of M. Brunetiere or M. Buisson to the booklets of filth that were thrown at the gnomes and Police Commissioners in Brittany. They are infinitely cleaner and more useful.

These among us who deny that progress is being made, especially in social problems, and who profess that ruin, in the mass, is to-day as brutal and unintelligent as he used to be, should pay attention to the labor movement at Decauville and in the Loire district and compare the slowness with which strikes develop nowadays with the headlong action of former days.

The laboring men are beginning to vote. There can be found among them men who refused to stop work. They discuss matters, not merely among themselves, but with the manufacturers who are interested in the strikes, inasmuch as they must either lose their customers or give them credit.

In a word, common sense is no longer altogether mute, and argument has taken the place of brute force.

This is progress—it is enormous progress. Believe that the man of the Twentieth Century will be better than the man of the Nineteenth.

How could he be otherwise? He has improved so many things in his environment that he will end by improving himself.

### WEEK'S HAPPENINGS AT FRENCH SUMMER RESORTS.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. Paris, Sept. 27.—(Copyright, 1902.)—Beautiful weather continues at Baden. For a fortnight the sky has been real Neapolitan, a kind of deep blue without clouds. The sun shines all day, the air is cool and breezy and the temperature just right for excursions.

Mme. Schottin von Muehens gave a smart dinner in her beautiful villa, the guests including Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Roosevelt.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and family are stopping at the Hotel St. Raphael. The end of the season at Ostend is rapidly approaching, but the present fine weather is tempting many to prolong their sojourn.

Lawn tennis players at Lucerne have every reason to congratulate themselves on an ideal tournament. The contests were carried out in a most spirited fashion, and a high standard of play prevailed.

Mmes. O. and W. Hauser gave an elaborate breakfast to Captain and Mrs. Webster before their departure for the Italian lakes. There were also present Mr. and Mrs. Leishman, Mrs. Lottland Spencer and Mrs. August Spencer with among those present.

The Italian lakes are booming this week. At Varese, Mr. Henry N. Kille won the lawn tennis championship for the third year in succession. The yachting carnival at Cernobbio was very brilliant. The yachts Mimi and Spindrift were the winners. The Duke of Visconti was the witness to such effective social movements. Reports as to his recovery are not favorable.

The season at San Sebastian shows no signs of relaxing. Never before at this time of year have there been so many people at the beach. The Spanish royal family is still lingering, though a month of court mourning has been decreed on account of the death of the Queen of the Belgians.

Every Sunday witnesses a brilliant ball at the Casino and a scarcely less brilliant bull fight.

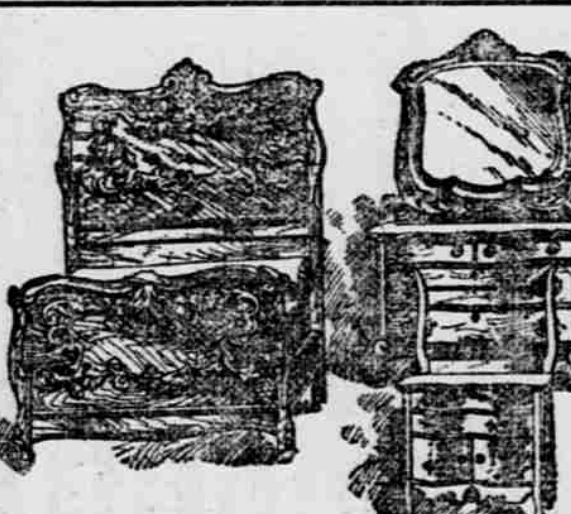
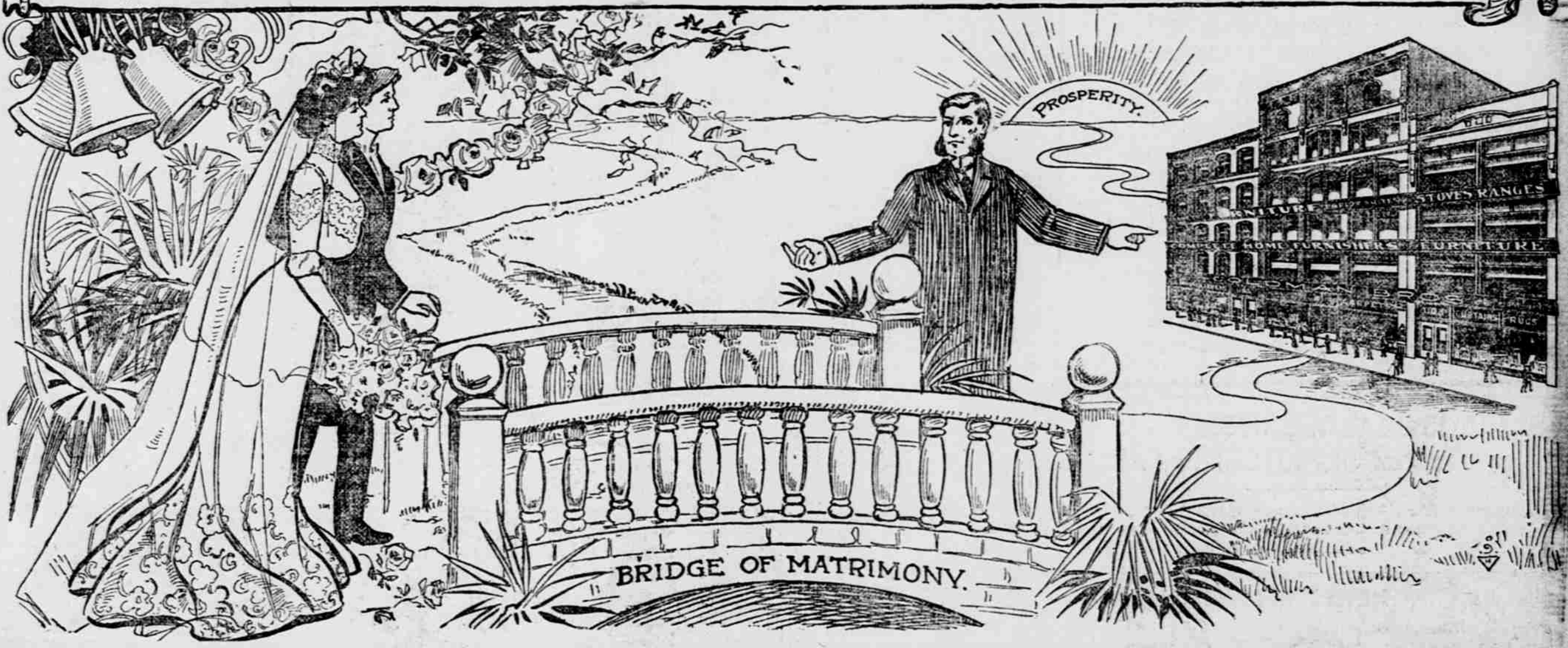
The Biarritz season is approaching its close. The Casino is crowded nightly with members of the best-known Russian and Spanish families. The Country Club pigeon shooting traps are thronged in the afternoon.

Aix-les-Bains is full as ever. September has been a record month for the Cercle. Four tables were running all the time and frequently \$2,000 were on the table. A large number of Americans dined at the Cercle nightly.

The annual autumn golf meeting at Biarritz was an unprecedented success. The

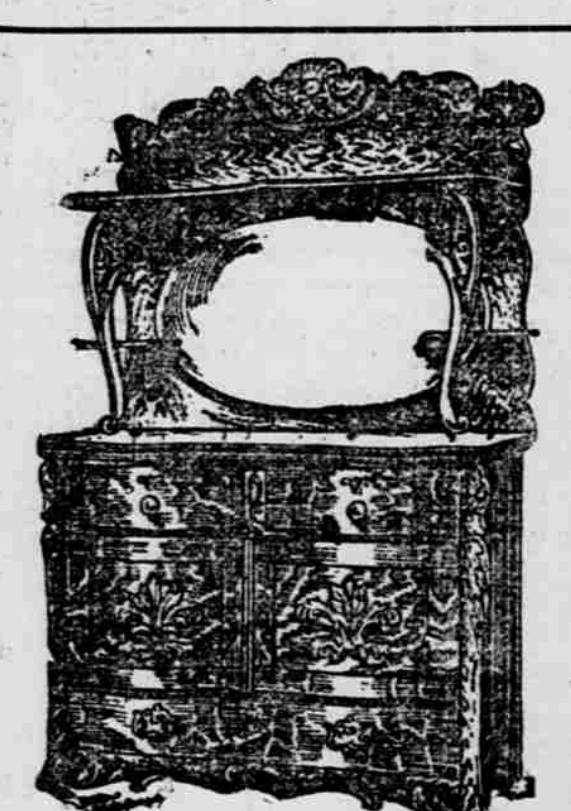
# "PARENTS' ADVICE."

Should be taken in every case, and ever remember that old adage, "OBEY THY PARENTS." Just as this father has advised this happy young couple to do, just so do we advise you to be careful and cross a bridge of safety and it will lead you on to prosperity and success. Our many years of honest business methods in Furniture, Carpet and Stove selling has placed us HEAD AND SHOULDERS above COMPETITION in our line in St. Louis. We feel grateful to our friends and customers and thank them most heartily for advising and recommending newly married couples to GOLDMAN BROS. EVERYONE KNOWS US. Our 14 floors have never been laden down with such beautiful variety of Household Goods as we are showing for this Fall Season. Eastern markets have been secured and the prices have been secured for your inspection. We personally will wait on you and show you about and make you feel perfectly at home, WHETHER YOU PURCHASE OR NOT. WE OFFER EXTRA SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS to those who are anticipating going housekeeping this Fall—SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS in way of easy terms and low prices. A trial is all we ask AND WE WILL PLEASE YOU. To-morrow, Monday, our annual Fall Sale starts. Be on hand early and secure first pick. It is to your POCKETBOOK'S INTEREST.



This beautiful 3-piece Bedroom Suit, piano polish finish, well worth \$35.00—on sale to-morrow for only.....

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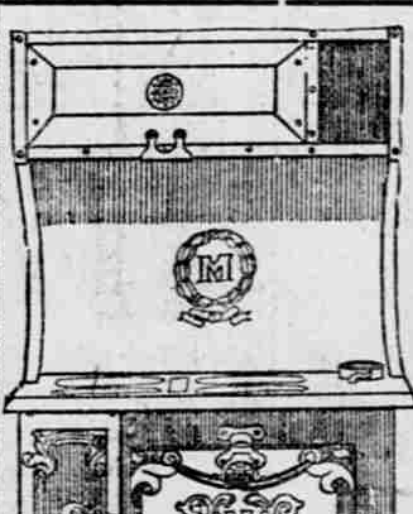
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KITCHEN CABINET (dinner set) on sale for.....

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THE MOORE'S RANGE. This Range is a positive bargain for the price. It has a large hole, warming closet on top, guaranteed and worth every cent of twenty-five dollars—Special for this week, while they last.....

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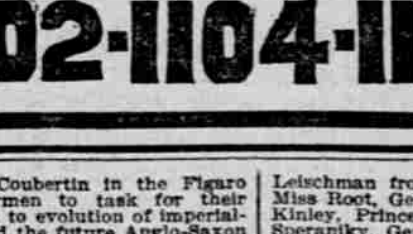
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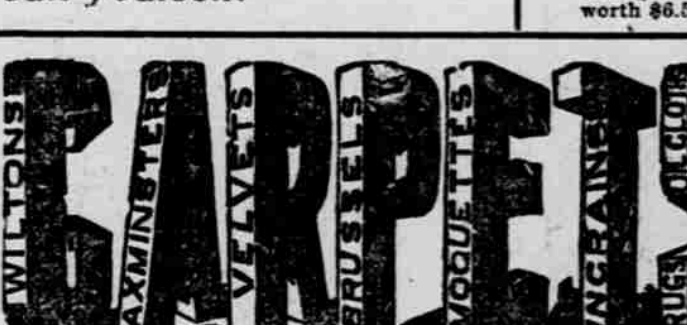
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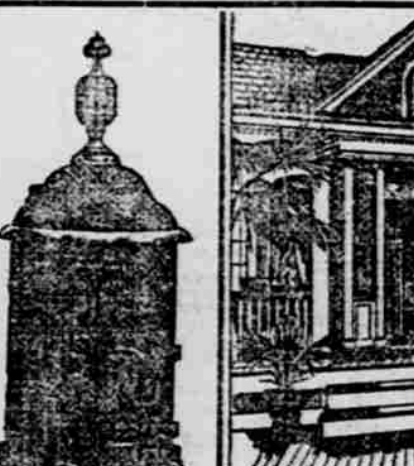
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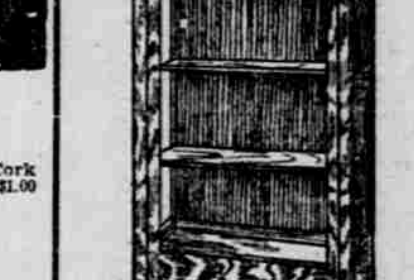
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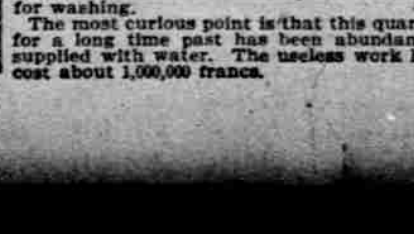
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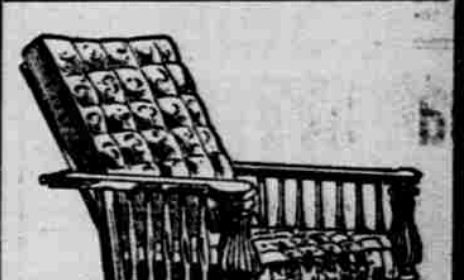
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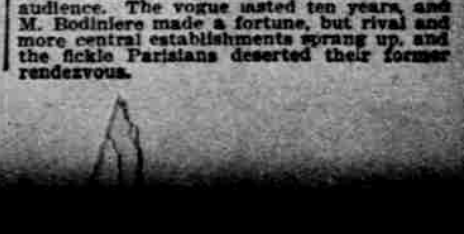
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players included Messrs. Daunt, Marshall and Lehmann, Colonels Jamieson and Barry Mitchell.

Baccarat is all the rage at the Casino. Dancing also figures largely on the evening's programme.

With the opening of the shooting season chateau life in Belgium is in full swing. Work will soon be begun on the new wings of the Royal Chateau of Laeken. They will be in the Louis XVI style, harmonizing with the facade. The left wing will contain the King's apartments, and the right the Queen's. The King says that when completed it will be one of the finest royal residences on the Continent.

GENERAL AND MRS. PORTER ENTERTAIN AT THE EMBASSY.

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Leishman from Constantinople, Mrs. and Miss Root, General Young, Lieutenant McKinley, Prince and Princess Cantacuzescu, Speransky, General and Mrs. Tall, Colonel and Mrs. Johnston, Mr. Vignand, Mrs. Jaffray, Mrs. Jaffray, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, Miss Snyder, General and Mrs. Winslow, Mrs. Caton, Mrs. Lory, Mrs. Wheeler, Miss Green, Commander Harbor and Captain Mott.

Comte Paul d'Aranson wedded Miss Rita Bell on Thursday at the Church of St. Honore d'Elyan. The bride, who is extremely pretty, wore a simple tulle veil. Mrs. Bell wore a robe of royal blue silk, panne and white lace.

Among diners at the Hotel Ritz this week were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Curtis, M. Sabtes, Dumont, Mr. and Mrs. H. Baring and Major and Mrs. Tobel.

From the provinces comes news of the doings of well-known American members of Paris society. The Comtesse de Salignac-Fenelon, Miss Beatrice Whiting and Mr. Dennis Whiting sailed from Havre on the Savile. Mr. Henry Ridgway is shooting at Bois Boudran, the guest of Comte de Greville.

Mr. C. T. Barney and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Postley of New York are touring through France in an automobile. Mr. Postley has purchased a new sixteen-horsepower machine.

Among prominent Americans in Paris are Mr. A. Delvis of Washington, Mr. Herbert C. Wright of San Francisco and Miss C. H. Stoddard and Mrs. C. A. Baker of Chicago.

FRENCH COUNTESS LEAPS FROM AUTO INTO RIVER.

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Comtesse de Castries is confined to her bed with internal injuries.

DRY WELL HAS COST PARIS \$200,000.

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The most curious point is that this quarter for a long time past has been abundantly supplied with water. The useless work has cost about 1,000,000 francs.

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